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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**In the Specification**

**Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:**

[0001] This application is related to the following commonly owned applications assigned to International Business Machines, Inc.: United States Patent Application No. 10/083,075, filed February 22 26, 2002, (Atty. Docket Number ROC920020044) entitled “IMPROVED APPLICATION FLEXIBILITY THROUGH DATABASE SCHEMA AND QUERY ABSTRACTION”; “APPLICATION PORTABILITY AND EXTENSIBILITY THROUGH DATABASE SCHEMA AND QUERY ABSTRACTION”; United States Patent Application No. 10/403,366, filed March 31, 2003 (Atty. Docket Number ROC920030005), ~~filed on even date herewith and~~ entitled “MODIFICATION OF A DATA REPOSITORY BASED ON AN ABSTRACT DATA REPRESENTATION”; United States Patent Application No. 10/403,960, filed March 31, 2003 (Atty. Docket Number ROC920030006), ~~filed on even date herewith and~~ entitled “SEQUENCED MODIFICATION OF MULTIPLE ENTITIES BASED ON AN ABSTRACT DATA REPRESENTATION”; United States Patent Application No. 10/132,228, filed April 25, 2002, (Atty. Docket Number ROC920020088), entitled “DYNAMIC END USER SPECIFIC CUSTOMIZATION OF AN APPLICATION’S PHYSICAL DATA LAYER THROUGH A DATA REPOSITORY ABSTRACTION LAYER”; and United States Patent Application No. 10/131,984, filed April 25, 2002, (Atty. Docket Number ROC920020089), entitled “REMOTE DATA ACCESS AND INTEGRATION OF DISTRIBUTED DATA SOURCES THROUGH DATA SCHEMA AND QUERY ABSTRACTION”, and United States Patent Application No. 10/403,356, filed March 31, 2003 (Atty. Docket Number ROC920030008), entitled “DEALING WITH COMPOSITE DATA THROUGH DATA MODEL ENTITIES”, which are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety.